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Applicant : Donald J. Merkley *et al.*  
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR REDUCING IMPURITIES IN  
CELLULOSE FIBERS FOR  
MANUFACTURE OF FIBER  
REINFORCED CEMENT  
COMPOSITE MATERIALS  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office  
Action mailed on August 10, 2004.

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